

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

May 8, 2014

Hollywood & Highland BID Security Office

Attendance: **HED Committee Members present:** Charlie Colletta, Carol Massie, Galo Medina. Not present: Monica Yamada, Derrick Malec, and Chad Lewis. **SVBID Committee Members present:** Fabio Conti, Anthony Bell. Not present: Katie Seymour, Fred Rosenthal, and Elizabeth McDonald. **Liaisons:** Steve Seyler, Bill Farrar, Mike Harkins, Andrews International. Jackie Lawson, Office of Neighborhood Prosecutor, LA City Attorney. Deputy Delbert Moore, Deputy Scott Schneider, LASD. Lt. Marc Dibell, SLO Danny Pesqueira, SLO Irv Isabella, LAPD. Staff: Kerry Morrison and Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Heather Carmichael and Frank __, My Friend's Place; Asally Adib-Semadian, sbe; Mike Arminio, LA Film School; Mark Echeverria and Maile Letourneau, Musso & Frank.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Charlie Colletta at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee reviewed the meeting notes from their April 10, 2014 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International

1. Annual Report: Steve Seyler presented his report for the period 4-7-14 through 5-4-14. He noted that alcohol related arrests were up for this month (and compared to last year at this time, they are up by 100). There has been a decrease in calls for service. He mentioned problems with people using outlets in the Cahuenga alley to charge their cellphones, and smoking marijuana. The "Obama" character took up residence in the BID patrol office seeking a petition to support his return to the Boulevard. There is a stay away order on him at present. He summarized a number of homeless outreach situations and noted that an individual they encountered met the description for a wanted parolee at large. He had a blue star on his cheek. They alerted LAPD and he was booked.

B. Report from LAPD: Lt Dibell reported on a situation that has arisen in Hollywood whereby tensions between a south LA gang and the Samoan community, who serve as security guards for a number of the Hollywood clubs, has led to violent confrontations. Currently some Samoan security guards are afraid to return to Hollywood. This was precipitated by a confrontation at Supperclub two weeks ago that was shown on TMZ. This led to a long conversation about how to quell the gang presence that seems to have taken root in Hollywood. It was noted that many are driving in (not coming on the subway) because they have weapons they keep in their car. There was discussion about either the need for a promoter ordinance, or perhaps something that could be modelled after the special "sports and entertainment zone" which encircles the area around LA Live. Gary Benjamin mentioned that was created as a result of a specific plan, which was adopted before LA Live was created. Morrison said she would distribute the information the council office had provided about that Specific Plan and this idea would be placed on the agenda next month.

Galo Medina asked if promoters could be held liable for bringing problems to a club by having the property owner sue them for damages or negligence. It was noted that often problems leave the club and end up on the street, so it would be hard to connect those dots.

The idea of having a group of BID property owners meet with the property owners around Las Palmas and Hollywood was discussed, as this is where most of the problems are occurring right now.

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C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Moore reported that crime continues to be lower than 10 years ago. Locking the turnstiles a year ago seems to have made a significant dent in crime in all categories.

D. Neighborhood Prosecutor: Jackie Lawson introduced herself as the new neighborhood prosecutor taking over from Andre Quintero. She is anxious to learn about the issues in the community and will be focused upon problem solving. She hopes to continue the trend of securing stay away orders and addressing issues with vendors and the characters and the nightclubs.

E. Community Impact Team: Dan Haldan introduced himself as the new field deputy for Hollywood. He came from CD-4 and worked north of Franklin. Marisol Salguera passed out the meeting notes from the Community Impact Team and encouraged everyone to come on the third Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. There is participation from key city departments to help with problem solving: DOT, BSSS, and the City Attorney and LAPD. LA County health department has also agreed to do some nighttime enforcement in the coming year of food vendors.

D. Report from the Alcohol Task Force: Kerry Morrison indicated that the one month voluntary moratorium on sales of cheap spirits ended on April 30. There was good cooperation from three test stores: 7-11, CVS Pharmacy and Pla-Boy Liquors. It did not appear to make a difference. In 7-11, the store manager said people would panhandle either in the store or in front to get more money to buy the more expensive product. At CVS, they also bought the more expensive vodka. At this point, it seems a better strategy is to focus on discouraging giving money to panhandlers; to starve the supply of funds for alcohol. Morrison is going to bring back to the next security meeting some options to proceed. She also plans to contact the three major hotels in the BID to see if there is interest in cooperating by handing out cards to guests on "how to stay safe in Hollywood." She also mentioned she will be meeting with fire department to see if there might be a case made for detox beds or diversionary treatment of chronic inebriates in the BID as a test case.

V. New Business: Heather Carmichael reported on a new initiative underway to provide a walking patrol of the sidewalks around My Friend's Place to help mitigate some of the neighborhood impacts of having the young people hang in the neighborhood who are served by MFP. About 100 clients are served each day. She introduced her colleague Frank ____ and said he will be attending security meetings to serve as a recourse on reaching out to young homeless individuals. The BID and the Hollywood United Methodist Church both provided a small grant to MFP to assist with this effort.

VI. Old Business: Joe Mariani reported that once a final set of agreements is consummated with the owner of the Sunset Media Tower, the repeater can be installed which will activate the final four cameras. Five are up and running now. Charlie Colletta asked if there could be outreach now in this next phase to owners who might be willing to pay for a camera directly to add to the system. Mariani will work on this next phase to help expand the system.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2014.

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. by Charlie Colletta.